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SUBJ: LOPEZ STATEMENT ON TERRITORIAL WATERS

REF STATE 168257

1. UNDERSECY FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGS AND CONFERENCES

JOAQUIN FONSECA ON JULY 18 AGAIN STATED TO EMBOFF

THAT COLOMBIA DOES NOT INTEND TO MAKE ANY UNILATERAL MOVES

TERRITORIAL WATERS.

2. HE DID HOWEVER, INDICATE THAT THERE WAS A PROPOSAL UNDER STUDY IN THE FONOFF REGARDING A POSSIBLE EXTENSION OF JURIS-

DICTION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF RESOURCES. FONSECA SAID THE PURPOSE OF THE PROPOSAL, WHICH MIGHT BE INTRODUCED AS A BILL IN THE FORTHCOMING SESSION OF CONGRESS, WAS TO PROTECT

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COLOMBIA'S INTERESTS IN THE FACE OF 200 MILE TERRITORIAL

SEA LIMITS CLAIMED BY COLOMBIA'S NEIGHBORS PANAMA AND ECUADOR. FONSECA EXPLAINED THAT THE MEASURE WOULD BE "STRICTLY TEMPORARY" UNTIL THE PASSAGE OF A LOS CONVENTION. IN THE MEANTIME, HE SAID, SINCE NO ONE KNOWS WHEN A CONVENTION MIGHT BE AGREED UPON, COLOMBIA NEEDED A LEGAL BASIS WITH WHICH TO DEFEND ITS INTERESTS AGAINST THE CLAIMS OF ITS NEIGHBORS. FONSECA SAID THE PROPOSAL WAS NOT BROUGHT UP DURING AMB CLINGAN'S VISIT SINCE "THE VISIT WAS PRIMARILY IN CONNECTION WITH FISHING RIGHTS."

3. FONSECA STRESSED THAT THE PROPOSAL IS STILL IN THE STUDY STAGE AND ASKED THAT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF HIS REMARKS BE PRESERVED.

4. THE EMB WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT ON DEVELOPMENTS ARISING FROM THIS PROPOSAL OR ANY FUTURE BILL ON THE SUBJ.
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